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Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

1. The amendment document filed on June 7, 2004 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003 (see 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, June 30, 2003).

The amendment document is non-compliant because each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Specifically, claims 36 and 37 have been given the status identifier (original), which is incorrect. Claims 36 and 37 were not part of the original claims filed August 20, 2001, they were add in the amendment filed April 1, 2003. Therefore, the claims were previously presented not original.

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alicia Chevalier whose telephone number is (571) 272-1490. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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